



FACT SHEET

Module 18

VEHICLE SELF-CHECKS

Weekly Self-Checks

Tire Pressure, Tire Wear, and Damage

- Maximum pressure listed on tire side-wall
- Vehicle manufacturer's pressure recommendation for a smooth ride
- Tire tread wear, damage, or bars showing
- Cuffing (uneven wear on inside or outside tread areas)
- Bald spots, bald center, or worn side treads
- Cuts, stones, metal fragments, or other damage

Vehicle Safety, Communication Devices, and Accessories

- Headlights, taillights, and turn signals
- Emergency lights and markers
- Emergency kit
- Windshield wiper blades, operation, and washer fluid
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioner systems (HVAC)
- Safety warning lamps (brake, ABS, air bag, safety belt) for operation

Regular (One-Two Months) Self-Checks

- Function of all interior and exterior lights
- Engine oil level, brake fluid level, and engine coolant level
- Lap/shoulder belts and seat latches for wear and function

Self-Check (Twice Per Year)

- Air pressure in spare tire
- Power steering fluid level
- Parking brake for proper operation
- Hinges, latches, door weather strips, and outside locks (check and lubricate)
- Body and door drain holes (check and clean)
- Cooling system coolant
- Battery connections (clean if necessary)
- Transmission fluid level

Professional Service Every 3,000-5,000 Miles

Oil change/filter replacement

Tire rotation/balance

Professional Service Every 15,000 Miles

Automatic transmission fluid level

Brake pads/shoes/rotors/drums, brake lines, hoses, and parking brake system

Engine cooling system

Steering linkage, suspension and, if equipped, drive shaft and ball joints

Cabin air filter replacement, if equipped

Professional Service Every 30,000 Miles

Exhaust system and heat shield

Engine air filter and fuel filter replacement

Accessory drive belts

Automatic transmission/transaxle service, if equipped

Check owner's manual for vehicle maintenance recommendations.